THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

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SCRIPTURE: Luke 12:13-48; 16:19-24; Acts 16:31-34; I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11; II Thessalonians 3:7-10.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Luke 12:22-34.

No Free Lunch

Lesson for August 5, 1951

YOU cannot find the words "economic relations" in the Bible, but you cannot find the word "humanity" in the Bible either. Yet you would not say that the Bible has no message for humanity, and if you say that it has nothing to say about the economic life, it shows you have not thought at all about the words mean.

Dr. Foreman

"Economic relations" is an expression for everything that goes into life from a business or money standpoint, everything we buy and use, make or raise or manufacture or sell. Money's not everything, but money's into everything.

The Bible speaks about life, including the economic aspect of life. Nobody can live for a day without having some kind of economic relations, or sin (as a hobo does) by not having them. . . .

No Free Lunch

ONE vital part of our economic life is earning a living. A learned professor of economics said that the whole subject can be put into one short sentence: "There is no free lunch." He meant, of course, that everything has to be paid for, by somebody, some time.

You may get your board "free," but everything on the table costs somebody something, and if you are not paying for it, some one else must.

Now the Bible teaches that every one who is able to do so, should earn his living. Saint Paul made a rule for his churches: "He that will not work, neither let him eat."

That sounds hard-boiled, but makes sense. The Bible has no use for the hobo, the loafer, the "moocher," the "grifter," the person who thinks the world owes him a living. The world owes no one a living. . . .

The Right to Work

IF it is the duty of all of us to earn our board and keep, on the other hand the world ought to give us the opportunity to do so. Alone with the duty of earning a living goes the right to earn a living.

We saw, some weeks ago, that a basic Christian principle for right living is the value of individual persons. This holds good for economics as well as for all other areas of life.

What happens to the man who cannot earn a living? If he becomes an "object of charity," in a short while he loses ambition and self-respect. And if he gets no charity, he starves.

So any system or arrangement of society, or any action or condition permanent or temporary making it impossible for a man to earn his own living, is harmful to human persons and therefore sinful. No one, in short, has a right to a living, but every one has the right to earn a living. . . .

The Risks of Riches

SO far, you might say that Christianity only says what everybody with common sense can see for himself. But Christianity goes further and says something that most people forget: that getting rich is more dangerous than desirable.

The Bible urges us all to earn our own way; but it does not urge us to get rich. Christ warns us that life does not consist in the "abundance of things" a man possesses. There is no virtue in being as poor as possible.

Still, on the other hand, the more a man's property piles up, the more he is tempted to certain sins: the sin of greed, wanting more than our share, more than we can wisely use; the sin of pride, wanting to have more than any one else in sight; the sin of selfishness, wanting to use what we have for our own benefit exclusively; the sin of hoarding, wanting to fill barns or bank accounts for no particular reason except just to see the pile grow; the sin of materialism, measuring success in terms of dollars.

The main question is: Why do we want it? To have something good, or to do good with it? The big Christian question about every relationship and transaction, economic and otherwise, is a question about people. What is this going to do to people? To me? To those who depend on me? To the community?

Pope Pius XII used two words about the economic life which Protestants will agree are of top importance: Make it more human, he said, and more Christian.

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Farm Topics

Many Farm Homes Need Remodeling

Over 50 Per Cent Are At Least 30 Years Old

Most American homes—and farm homes in particular—were erected more than a quarter of a century ago.

Nearly 23,000,000 of the estimated 42,000,000 homes in the nation are at least 30 years old. Millions of these older homes are in need of modernization and repair.

The expected outback in new home construction as a result of credit restrictions and other controls stemming from the defense program will make materials, such as asphalt roofing, siding, insulation and paints available to meet the pent-up demands for modernization and repairs on the farms of the nation.

Remodeling of this previously unused barn provided much-needed space for livestock and hay storage and at the same time improved the over-all appearance of the farm property and increased its value. The completed barn (bottom) with new asphalt shingle roof, new siding and other alterations, contrasts sharply with the dilapidated structure (above) as it appeared before start of the work. Here's proof that remodeling pays when the structure of an old building is basically sound.

Farm Families Know Type Of Home They Will Build

Farm families know the type of house they want to have if, and when, they build. But building is more a question of "when" than "if", according to a recent survey of 12 north-central states.

Approximately nine hundred families took part in the survey. They were selected to give a cross-section of the wants and desires of 2,270,000 farm families living in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

A one-story house with six or seven rooms, a sloping roof and central heating was first choice. The house must have one or more porches, a spare bedroom, a basement or cellar, coat closet on the first floor, a separate dining room, first floor workroom, and a drive so planned in relation to the house that callers will come to the front door.

Most families wanted to have a dining area in the kitchen, but many of them wanted an additional dining room which could accommodate six or more persons.

Gladstone

Gladstone, July 31.- Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Capelle, of Roanoke are visiting here with Mrs. B. M. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sites spent the week-end with relatives in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jones and sons, W. R. Jones, Jr. and Kenneth, and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brown and two sons, Donny and Dennis are touring the New England States.

Bobby McAllister, who has a position in Blackstone, visited his parents here during the week-end.

Henry Jones left several days ago for Fort George Meade, Md.

Miss Elizabeth Walton, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kane Walton.

Southern States Annual Meeting

The Southern States Co-operative annual meeting for this county was held in the high school auditorium Friday evening with 450 members and their families in attendance.

R. R. Feagans and Clarence F. Moore were speakers.

Elected to the advisory board were Irby B. Wheeler and W. E. Ingo. Elected to serve on the Farm Home Advisory Board were Mrs. J. P. Coleman and Mrs. Percy A. Garrett. Walter Payne, Jr. led group singing and string music was played by Clyde Childers and Leon Bryant. Refreshments were served.

W. Twyman, local representative of the company, was host for the evening.

Small Utility Room Creates Definite Storage Problems

Most utility rooms are too small. A utility room should be at least 100 square feet of space in order to accommodate the necessary equipments and to provide enough space for working.

Many utility rooms are used for the storage of screens and storm-windows, children's playthings, garden tools and other articles as well as housing the house heating boiler, water heater, and laundry equipment.

Owners invariably find that the demands for storage space increase with the number of years that a house has been occupied. A small crowded utility room is a serious disadvantage.

Utility rooms that are too small also create a problem in connection with laundry equipment. Despite the advent of automatic washers, laundry trays still have many uses. If the utility room is too small, there is usually not enough room for a separate compartment laundry tray.

A two-compartment laundry tray is a great convenience because one compartment is available for rinsing or for bluing clothes while the other compartment can be used at the same time for soaking clothes or handling them in some other manner.

Texas City Explosive Gains Favor as Able Fertilizer

Ammonium nitrate, the Dr. Jekyll-Mr. Hyde compound which figured in the disastrous Texas City explosion a few years ago, is rapidly gaining favor as a fertilizer and may become the preferred material for direct application to the soil, Dr. R. C. Tallman of the Lion Oil Company, El Dorado, Ark., told the American Chemical Society. The compound is employed in both explosives and fertilizers.

Although its plant-food properties had long been known, ammonium nitrate had been used before 1943 only in solutions for the preparation of mixed fertilizers, according to Dr. Tallman, who is manager of planning and survey in Lion's research division. Some ammonium nitrate was released from government plants for fertilizer use in 1943, however, and since then the material has enjoyed a meteoric rise to prominence as a fertilizer material, he said.

"Due to its comparatively high nitrogen content, its wide adaptability to soil and climatic conditions, its comparative resistance to leaching and, probably of greatest importance, its low cost per unit of nitrogen," Dr Tallman stated, "there are those who feel that ammonium nitrate will eventually be the nearly universal fertilizer for direct application.

Iron Ore Imports Set Highest Mark in History of Nation

Nearly 9.2 million net tons of iron ore came into the United States last year from 15 foreign countries. That was the largest amount ever imported, exceeding the 1949 total by about one million tons. In 1945 imports were only 1.3 million tons.

Meanwhile, rapid progress was made in the development of iron ore deposits in Venezuela after more than a dozen years of planning and investment. The first ore from one new property in that country arrived at an eastern port of the United States in the latter part of March.

Venezuela is expected to become an important source of ore for the United States. The property shipping the first ore, mentioned above, is one of two developments in Venezuela. It is expected to produce eventually at the rate of 3,000,000 tons a year and may later yield 5,000,000 tons a year.

Colored Dots

Miss Clara Fleshman, Miss Alice Walker and Lloyd Patterson spent the week-end in Williamsburg visiting relatives.

The public is invited to attend the annual revival services at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday at the regular preaching hour. The 3 P. M. services will be conducted by the Promise Land Church and choir. Dinner will be served to all who attend. A rally will be conducted among the members beginning at the 3 P. M. service. Services will be held each evening at 8 P. M.

The Rev. C. A. Marshall reported a successful revival at the Little Mount Baptist Church in Brunswick County last week.

Annual home coming will be observed at the Mount Airy Baptist Church this Sunday with an all day service. Dinner will be served. The 3 P. M. service will be a musical program conducted by several choirs of Appomattox.

Annual revival will begin at the Zion Baptist Church at Pamplin this Sunday at the regular morning service. Services will begin each evening at 8 P.M.

A large crowd attended the union picnic held at the Prince Edward Lake last Wednesday. All of the schools of the union participated, except two. Ice cream was served to all members by the union.

Miss Hester Stevens is spending her vacation in Baltimore and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jennings have returned home after spending a ten day vacation in Washington, Baltimore, Brooklyn and New York city as guests of relatives and friends.

Professor and Mrs. E. T. Johnson Jr. are the proud parents of a fine baby girl. The mother and ba... doing nicely.

Rev. H. H. Cabell was in... day evening guest of Mr... Leftwich.

Mrs. Betty Flood and ... Betty Lou are spending th... at her home here.

A large crowd attended th... Springfield Baptist Sunday ... Dr. Rose, of Amherst ... speaker.

Rev. C. A. Marshall will b... guest speaker at the Abilene... tist Church at Darlington ... this Sunday at the regular... ing hour.

A family reunion service w... held at Camp Winsmal ... this Sunday. The service will ... directed through the week. D... non will deliver the mes... Sunday morning at the Ba... Baptist Church, Darlington. ... After the morning service th... ily will go to the cemetery at ... ville and lay wreaths on th... of the late Dr. Nelson ... and the late Rev. P. W. Pe...

Rev. S. K. Singleton conclu... cussesful revival at the ... Baptist Church last week.

Pearisburg voters to decide ... bond issue in election.

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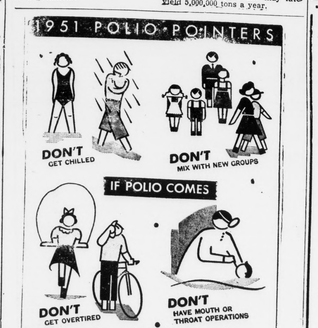
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Stonewall

Stonewall, July 30.- The crops were all improved so much since the rains came.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes were visitors in Lynchburg on last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and Miss Betsy Wheeler, of Richmond spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

The Rev. and Mrs. Bert Wilson and son, Dusty Lester, of Louisville, Ky. are spending their vacation here with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christian in Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler and family spent last week-end with relatives in Roanoke.

Miss Elsie Thornhill has returned home from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Tom McVetty and her family in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Carson, of Roanoke spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mrs. J. H. Beard has returned home from the hospital and had as her guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard and children, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Bayley and children, of North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Johnson and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grant, of Penn.

Mrs. Lula Taylor celebrated her birthday last Thursday. We wish for the fine Christian lady many more happy days to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and children joined the other members of their family at Lake Side Park last Sunday for a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette are vacationing at O. R. Burnett's in West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton are spending some this week-end from a month's vacation in the western part of Oregon and California and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, of Richmond spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Negro Youth Wins Honor

Heywood Walker and his success with his 4-H project of Duroc-Jersey herd represents the second consecutive boy in Appomattox County to win national honors. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Colonel Walker of Route 1, Pamplin, Va, in the Hitshorg community. Heywood was chosen one of the four boys from the State of Virginia as a delegate to the 4-H Regional Camp, to be held at the State College in Pine Bluff, Arkansas August 21-28, 1951.

Heywood's statement on his project is as follows: I purchased my first purebred gilt at eight weeks old in March of 1946. I raised this sow to produce five litters of pigs. From this start, I have had three producing brood sows, two service boars and raised 5 shoats to average 210 each, which I marketed.

My purchases have been: 2 purebred and registered young boars, $100.00. $112 has been spent for feed, pasture seedings, medicines, registration fees, hauling and vaccination.

My income has been from: 8 litters of pigs sold averaging eight pigs per litter. Original sow sold, one mature service boar sold, 5 200-lb. shoats, also $5.00 per service by neighbors for use of my herd sire totaled $50.00.

My record books balance to these figures from March, 1946 to September 1950, $212.00 expenses and $1040 total income. Over this period, my Duroc project has netted me $828.00.

I have in hand five fine gilts and one young service boar and one 3-year brood sow. I shall place a value of $225.00 on the stock which I now have on hand.

Heywoodk work represents that of a youth working with ideal conditions, but one of those conditions where one life's oneself by his own "boot straps."

The home farm is located on the last road across the last creek. The home farm is being built up steadily and surely to a producing unit.

A new strain of purebred hogs has been introduced by this boy to his community. This service has brought the entire community up a step in better livestock on the farm.

By G. L. James
Negro Farm Agent for
Appomattox County

Dairy Labor Big Problem

If you're a dairyman, you're likely having to cope with a tight labor situation. Farm wage rates are increasing and labor is hard to find.

Extension dairy husbandman at V. P. I., pointing out that labor costs comprise one-third of the total cost of producing milk, say that any way you can cut down on labor needs will increase the efficiency of your farm operation.

Dairy chores are performed with regularity, and can, therefore, be organized into an effective working routine, they say.

Here are some suggestions:

Put loads on wheels. Feed carts can be built with little cash expense. An extra brush or shovel may cut down on walking distance and time.

It has been shown that most cows with training will milk out completely in four minutes or less. Prepare cows for milking by cleaning and massaging the udder and using the strip cup. This can be done on one trip. About one minute later, attach the machine to the udder. It is important to check the udder and remove the machine when milking is complete."

If arrangements permit, fill feed carts directly from the silo and grain bin in order to eliminate one handling of feed.

If you are planning to build or remodel your dairy stable, convenient arrangements of working areas will reduce labor needs. Be sure you have good plans. The best general arrangement for a stanchion barn is two rows of stanchions with cows facing out and with a central drive alley. Cross alleys should be wide enough to permit the use of carts. One hay chute for every 8 or 10 cows will reduce distance walked in carrying hay.

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Turkey Output Shows Increase

An increase in turkey production this year likely will again displace some broiler production in Virginia.

D. U. Livermore, poultry marketing specialist at V. P. I., says the displacement probably will be at the rate of nearly two broilers for every turkey, until the turkeys move onto range.

Chick placements in the Shenandoah Valley for the 12-week period ending June 30 went up only 12 per cent from 1950. This relatively small increase, compared to other commercial areas which showed a 38 per cent increase, probably is the result of an increase in turkey poult placements, Livermore says.

On the other hand, turkey poults hatched in the Valley for the season through late June totaled 3,700,000, an increase of 66 per cent from a year ago. Eggs set during the week ending June 23 were 82 per cent above a year earlier.

At the end of the 12-week period broiler prices in the Valley had declined to 28c, off 2 cents from the price prevailing at the beginning of the period. The price of chicken was 87 per cent of parity in June compared to 92 per cent in May.

The price of turkey in Virginia at mid-June had declined 3c during the month to 42c per pound, but was 10c higher than a year earlier.

Many growers, Livermore says, are planning to increase production of Beltsville white poults next fall for turkey broilers.

Tips on Lawn Grass

If you have to mow the lawn—here's some scientific data to back you up.

A. G. Smith, Jr., associate horticulturist at V. P. I., cautions against organized into an effective working close mowing for the rest of the summer. He notes that many bluegrass lawns are ruined by close mowing. Bluegrass is a perennial and spreads by the development of underground parts. The underground stems cannot grow unless there is enough leaf growth to feed them, he explains.

Smith says that August is a good time to renovate old lawns, and to seed new ones in western Virginia. Eastern Virginia homeowners should seed lawns in September.

Scatter good seed at the rate of about three pounds to 1,000 square feet. Smith suggests scattering one-half the seed in one direction (north and south) and one-half in the other direction (east and west).

In Virginia, under average conditions, the following mixture is recommended: Kentucky bluegrass, 75 per cent; red top, 20 per cent; and white dutch clover, 5 per cent. If, the clover is omitted, increase the red top.

Where quick clover is required or steep banks must be covered, rye grass can be used.

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